

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 03-02-11**

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For Work Week Commencing: February 10, 2003  
Business Meeting: February 11, 2003, 9:00 a.m.

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**Work Sessions** All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. Revenue Requirement and Rate Design Case. (2/11/03)
2. Legislative/Budget. (2/11/03)

**Other Meetings**

2/10/03 – 9:00 am Legislative/Budget

2/12/03 – 8:00 am Legislative/Budget

2/12/03 - 9:00 am D2002.7.80 Hearing (NorthWestern Energy QF Avd Cost, (Bollinger Room)

2/13/03 – 8:00 am Legislative/Budget

2/13/03 - 9:00 am D2002.7.80 Hearing (NorthWestern Energy QF Avd Cost, (Bollinger Room)

2/14/03 – 9:00 am Legislative/Budget

2/18/03 – 9:00 am Legislative/Budget

2/19/03 – 9 am Legislative/Budget

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 8:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

**Action Items** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Black Hills Corporation N2003.2.17 (Will)

On January 17, 2003, and pursuant to § 69-8-201, MCA, Black Hills Corporation filed a request for a waiver from the requirements in § 69-8-402, MCA, Universal System Benefits Programs. A staff memo and draft Notice of Commission Action were distributed.

2. CENTURYTEL N2003.1.12 (LEROY)

On January 27, 2003, CenturyTel filed Tariff Transmittal No 03-1, Type (13) Tariff – Rates and Conditions, Tariff PSC Mont. No. 12. The purpose of the filing is to introduce National Directory Assistance Service. The service provides the customer with telephone numbers for individuals or businesses outside the local calling area. Call completion will also be offered where the telephone company switch is capable of providing this new service. There is no charge for first three (3) calls from a residential account. Each additional call will be \$0.95. Each call from a business account will be \$0.95. The requested effective date is February 27, 2003.

**Notice Items** All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.state.mt.us/PublicComment/PublicComment.htm>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

1. Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana N2003.1.13 (Scott)

On January 28, 2003 Citizens filed a special; promotion tariff. The purpose of this filing is to introduce a statewide promotional offering beginning March 1, 2003 and continuing through April 15, 2003. Customers who subscribe for an additional line will receive a one-time installation credit of \$50.00 that is applied to the first month's bill. If the customer does not subscribe to the service for at least 180 days, a reversing charge equal to the one-time credit of \$50.00 will be applied. This promotion is offered only where technically available.

2. QWEST COMMUNICATIONS N2003.2.16 (Dave B)

On February 4, 2003, Qwest Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 03-04, Business Product Save Offer Promotion. During a 90-day promotional period from March 3, 2003, through May 24, 2003, business customers who request to have one or more products disconnected, and after having been informed of the products benefits, may be offered a discount equal to one month's recurring charge(s) in the form of a credit(s) to their next month's bill, if they agree to retain the products. Products participating in the promotion include: flat business lines, Qwest Business Line Plus ("QBLP"), Business CustomChoice ("CCFB"), Hunting Service, Call Forwarding-Busy Line/Don't Answer ("CF-BL/DA"), and Market Expansion Line ("MEL"). Qwest has requested a March 3, 2003 effective date.

**Information Items** All items identified below are for information only.

**Tentative Action Items for Agenda 03-02-20**

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

N2003.1.12 – CenturyTel – PSC Mont No. 12 Tariffs

N2003.1.13 – Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana – Special Promotion

D2003.1.14 – WWC Holding Company Inc dba Cellular One – Application for Designations as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in Areas Served by Qwest.

D2003.2.15 – Qwest and WaveSent LLC – Adoption Agreement

N2003.2.16 – Qwest – Tariff Transmittal 03-04 – Business Product Save Offer Promotion